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### PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES EXPANDS UNDER NURSE'S LEADERSHIP



To the residents of Meade County, Michele Correll, RN, is synonymous with the Meade County Health Department. Her dedication to public health in Meade County was recently recognized by University of Kansas (KU) with Ms. Correll being a recipient of the Nursing: Heart of Healthcare award. This acknowledgment is designed to promote the image of nursing in the community and to educate the public about the vital role that nurses play in health care today.

Twenty years ago there wasn't a county health department and Correll was a nurse at the Meade District Hospital. This rural area had no central location for the promotion of public health until she saw the need and set about to make it all come together.

The health department was initially in the basement of the hospital until expansion forced a move to a vacated nursing home near the new hospital. While she and her dedicated staff worked to set up the clinic to provide services, Correll often worked weekends at the hospital. Over the years, Correll and her staff have turned this small, rural health department into a highly respected and professional organization. As new public health programs became available, Correll made sure her residents benefited from them.

Correll's commitment to her community is unending. She has served on the hospital board for years as well as numerous other boards and committees whose focus is on the improvement of rural public health. With a fondness for the elderly of her area, she visits three senior centers throughout the county each month to educate and ensure they receive good foot care and other services.

She and her staff believe that each patient is a special client and is always deserving of the best possible care the health department can offer. Correll is committed to educating, empowering and improving the health of her clients and providing the community with the resources to make their lives better.

### NEW CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AT KDHE

Shannon Babcock is the new Case Management Coordinates for the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. She directs both medical and environmental case management for the program. Shannon graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in social work. She is a licensed bachelor social worker and a licensed lead hazard risk assessor with the state of Kansas. Before coming to KDHE, Shannon did HIV testing and counseling at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic. She has a wonderful new puppy named Emma, and is enjoying living in Topeka!



### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP



The National Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute has chosen two public health professionals from Kansas to attend the CDC's Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (EPHLI) this year. Judy Willingham, Coordinator of K-State Research and Extension's Kansas Environmental Leadership Program, and Ed Kalas, manager of Shawnee County Health Agency's Environmental/Consumer Protection Division and board president for the Kansas Public Health Association, are two of 40 national fellows who will attend this year long program of seminars and workshops, special projects, and individual study.

The institute was developed to strengthen the country's environmental public health system by enhancing the leadership capabilities of state and local environmental public health specialists. Emphasis is placed on enhancing strategic visioning and direction-setting skills through critical thinking and analysis (systems thinking), political effectiveness, and organizational and team development; using the core functions of public health as a foundation for achieving environmental public health goals; creating proactive environmental public health leaders who can mobilize resources in response to the changing public health environment (core competencies); enhancing the performance outcomes of the essential services of environmental public health; and promoting and improving the delivery of environmental public health services to communities.

EPHLI graduates use what they learn to increase the ability of their environmental public health programs to provide essential environmental public health services. These state and local programs will be better able to respond to emerging environmental public health threats and coordinate the delivery of effective services to areas affected by environmental disasters.

### SPECIMEN COLLECTION PROBLEM AT THE NORTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Norton County Health Department "pee problem," or more appropriately, a urine specimen problem, exists due to the negative effects experienced by patients and nurses because there is not a safe, efficient and confidential means to transport specimens from collection to lab testing. The negative effects include, staff safety (staff must carry specimens down a hall to the lab room) patient confidentiality and privacy, (the restroom is right off the main lobby and visible to anyone in that area) and staff efficiency (staff have to go back and forth from lab room to the restroom to obtain the specimen).



The proposed solution is to install a metal specimen pass-through cabinet between the patient restroom and the lab as the clinic has these two adjoining rooms.

A previous solution to improve patient privacy was to have a nurse carry the specimen, which failed to address the safety concerns for the nurses. Privacy was still sacrificed because people in the lobby could observe who was coming in and out of the restroom. Because the clinic offers family planning services, the issue of patient confidentiality is heightened with specimen collection for pregnancy testing.

The benefit of using the specimen pass-through cabinet reduces the risk to staff and a potential body fluid exposure, while improving patient privacy and confidentiality. The one-time cost of purchasing and installing a pass thru cabinet is easily justified compared to the cost of just one law suit for compromising patient confidentiality and privacy. Privacy is also assured by a locking mechanism that prevents both doors of the cabinet opening simultaneously. Staff efficiency will also improve when they can stay in the lab room and prepare the work area while the patient is collecting the specimen.

In conclusion installing a pass-through cabinet minimizes handing of bodily fluids, preserves patient privacy and keeps the work flow as smooth as possible, as the commercial says, "priceless."

### NURSE PRACTITIONER NEEDED IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY



Unified Government Health Department in Kansas City is looking for a Nurse Practitioner (half-time). Primary area will be in the maternal and child health division. Must reside in Wyandotte County or relocate within 24 months. Click on the Wyandotte County Health Department to view the job description.

Resume submission to Unified Government, Human Resources, Room 646, 701 N. 7 Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, or by fax resume to (913) 573-5006, or email to [jobs@wycokck.org](mailto:jobs@wycokck.org).

## ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

### Second Annual Governor's Public Health Conference 5...4...3...2...1...get ready to **blast off!**

The Conference, *"New Frontiers in Public Health"* will be held April 30, May 1 and 2, at the Grand Prairie Hotel in Hutchinson. Watch for registration coming soon on KS-TRAIN! A block of rooms is reserved for the Governor's Public Health Conference at the rate of \$67 per night, call (866) 577-7527. Room reservation deadline is April 16.

For more information, contact: Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641, e-mail [lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us) or Brenda J. Nickel at (785) 296-7433.



Keynote speakers for the conference:



**Dr. Rick Gaskill** is a Child Trauma Fellow and the Clinical Director at Sumner Mental Health Center in Wellington, and the Children's Services Coordinator for the mental health center. Dr. Gaskill has worked in community mental health for nearly 30 years with emphasis on programs for children and their parents.

**Ginger Breedlove**, CNM, PhD, FACNM, strives to improve access to healthcare for women throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area and the State of Kansas. Breedlove assisted in establishing the Kansas Collaborative Bistate Nurse-Midwifery Education Program. This program at the KU School of Nursing in collaboration with Wichita State University School of Nursing, Fort Hays State University Department of

Nursing, and the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Nursing, is preparing the next generation of nurse midwives.



**Bobbie Berkowitz** is an alumni-endowed Professor of Nursing at the University of Washington School of Nursing, and Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Turning Point National Program Office. Dr. Berkowitz directs the Center for the Advancement of Health Disparities Research at the University Washington School of Nursing and holds an Adjunct Professor appointment with the Department of Health Services at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine.



**John R. (Jack) Thompson** is the Director of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington and is a Senior Lecturer with the Department of Health Services. He is the Principal Investigator for the Northwest Center for Public Health Preparedness Program, supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is also Co-Principal Investigator for the Public Health Training Center, supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Thompson has been on faculty in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine since November 1994.



## KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This year's Public Health Certificate program will begin in April. The KDHE Office of Local and Rural Health will coordinate the sessions in partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. The program will utilize a blended learning approach incorporating on-line learning and on-site sessions.

Objectives: To increase competence in the following areas:

1. Public Health System
2. Community Health Improvement
3. Policy Development, Advocacy, and Public Health Law
4. Program Development and Evaluation
5. Public Health Administration
6. Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
7. Environmental Health
8. Applied Epidemiology
9. Infectious Disease Preparedness

Dates include:

Apr. 24 – 25  
Jul. 24 – 25  
Oct. 23 – 24  
Jan. 29 – 30  
Mar. 25 – 26

Students will complete approximately 85 hours of online learning. This consists of three or four online courses in each of the nine objective areas listed above. Each course takes approximately three hours to complete and consists of readings, activities, assignments, and assessments designed to increase knowledge in each competency area.

Five on-site sessions will be provided at selected locations across the state. All participants will meet in Topeka for the first and last sessions. Each location requires a minimum enrollment of six participants. Proposed locations for the remaining three sessions include: Topeka, Chanute, Wichita, Dodge City, Hays, Salina, and Kansas City Metro area.

Program expectations:

- Have access to high speed Internet
- Actively participate in all five on-site sessions, which include two in Topeka
- Dedicate an average of two hours per week towards online course work
- Written work will be expected over the course of the program, including a brief reflection paper at the end of the program.

**Application deadline is Feb. 15.** Program costs for the entire year long program is \$1,000 per applicant. A limited number of scholarships for \$750 are available from the Kansas Health Foundation and the Heartland Centers. All applicants are responsible for the remaining \$250. For further questions about the 2007 Public Health Certificate Program, contact: Linda Frazier, KDHE Public Health Workforce Coordinator at [lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us) or (785) 296-3641.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: SCOPE AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE



The new *Public Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice* is now available. This publication articulates the essentials of public health nursing, its activities and accountabilities – the who, what, when, where, and how of practice - at all practice levels and settings. It is a core resource for the nurses who focus their professional life in this area. The standards themselves - six for nursing practice and 10 for nursing professional performance - are those by which all public health nurses practice. In the context of each standard's set of measurement criteria, these reflect the values and priorities of the practice specialty. The book's summary discussion of the scope of such practice - its characteristics, development, education and training, its practice environments and settings, its general and specialized practice roles - lends the broadest context for understanding and using these standards.

You can order by calling (800) 637-0323 or at <http://nursingworld.org/books/phome.cfm>.

## REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS/BILLING WORKSHOPS

**New!** Click on the **Public Health sign** to view dates, times, and locations of Regional Public Health meetings and Billing Workshops.



## ORIENTATION TO KAN BE HEALTHY



### Health Care and Nursing

Registered Nurses, not previously Child Health Assessment Nurse Provider (CHANP) certified are invited to attend the KAN Be Healthy Health Screening on Tuesday, Mar. 20 from 1 – 5 p.m. (not required for ARNPs). The classroom style four hour training session will be a review of the orientation training manual. The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services developed this orientation. There will be no equipment demonstrations provided. Other Training options for certifications are:

- ✚ Independent (home) self study
- ✚ Web-based

Following the training sessions and successful completion of the quiz, the registered nurse will be “approved” to provide KAN Be Healthy screenings. Curriculum is identical for all training options.

Class will be held at Washburn University, Benton Hall, Room 407, 1700 SW College Blvd., Topeka. Registration fee is \$50 and deadline is March 15.

Enroll through [KS-TRAIN](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training/). For more information call (785) 670-1399 or visit our Website for other training options at [www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training/](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training/). Coordinated by the Washburn University, Division of Continuing Education, Topeka, Joan Ramberg, RN at (785) 670-2615.

## BRIDGING THE GAP – MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING



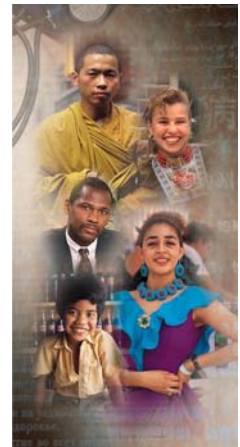
Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its sixth year of sponsoring “Bridging the Gap” – Medical Interpreter Training. Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients. Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City provides the medical interpreter training. The training sessions and contact information for registration are listed below:

### South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine -  
Wichita  
Apr. 16 - 20            8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
1010 N Kansas (Meadowlark Room 1305),  
Wichita

### Southwest Kansas

Area SRS Building  
June 4 – 8  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
1710 Palace Drive, Garden City



Register through KS-TRAIN. For more information contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call (816) 471-2808 ext. 124 or e-mail Cathy at [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org). You may also contact Brandi Miller at JVS at (816) 471-2808 or e-mail [bmiller@jvskc.org](mailto:bmiller@jvskc.org).

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KANSAS HEALTH QUALITY FORUM

The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC) would like to invite you to attend the 12th Annual Kansas Health Quality Forum and Pre-Conference Learning Sessions. The two-day event will take place Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 2, at the Wichita Marriott Hotel in Wichita.

This year's forum, Stakes are High...Provide the Right Care for Every Person Every Time, will feature two pre-conference learning sessions on Thursday. Patient Safety: Keep it Rolling will center around the new “5 Million Lives” campaign which has spun



off from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's 100K Lives campaign. E-Prescribing: Call for Your Partner will explore the benefits of e-prescribing.

For additional information including agenda, registration, lodging and travel

[www.kfmc.org/providers/CPE/qf2007/index.html](http://www.kfmc.org/providers/CPE/qf2007/index.html)

## GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: [www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm](http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm)



**Kansas Division of Emergency Management:**

[www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training](http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training)



**KAN Be Healthy RN** orientation and training: [www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training)

## Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp) Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator, at (785) 296-3641 for assistance.

## Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza: [www.pandemicflu.gov/](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/)

## Public Health Emergency Training:

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

**Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media:** Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/](http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/)

## Area Health Education Centers:



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at [www.kdhe.state.ks.us](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us) under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

**NW Kansas** – Register or call (785) 628-6128

**SW Kansas** – Register or call (620) 275-0259

**SE Kansas** – Register or call (620) 235-4040

## To Order Tapes/CDs:

**Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:** <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

**CDC BT programs:** [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp)

**Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA:**

[www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html](http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html)

**Risk Communication Courses:**

[www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html) or in Spanish  
[www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html](http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html)

**Nursing Education**

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** [www.fhsu.edu/nursing](http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing)

**KU Nursing:** KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:

[http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Wichita State University:** online RN to BSN:

[http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp\\_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program:** [www.washburn.edu/sonu](http://www.washburn.edu/sonu) or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:

[zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

**ANA's Web site:** [www.RNCE.org](http://www.RNCE.org)

**Other Continuing Education Online**

**The WALD CENTER:** [www.waldcenter.org](http://www.waldcenter.org)

**The Public Health Training Network:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp)

**KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:** <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings:

[www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx](http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx)

**The MMWR Continuing Education Program:** [www.cdc.gov/mmwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr)

**MPH Kansas:** <http://mph.kumc.edu>

**National Library of Medicine:** [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)

**CDC BT Training:** [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp)

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:** [www.uic.edu/sph/prepare](http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare)

**Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:**

[www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc\\_preparedness.htm](http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm)

**Centers for Public Health Preparedness:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp)

**Public Health Training Centers:** <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp)

**Public Health Workforce Competencies**

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**

[www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf](http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf)

**Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:** [www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm](http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm)

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